Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

We need not appoint special Doctors unless the local Sub-assistant Surgeon is fully worked.

President.—He shall have to be paid extra. Mr. Salem's point is to save money.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

In England, Factory Inspectors are invariably medical men.

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

In Madras, it is the reverse. These Factory Inspectors are not medical men.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE (*Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.*)

They are professional men, specially trained in that line.

President.—What qualification should they have?

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangalam*).

They must know Engineering, and have passed the Boiler Test.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON (*Mulakunnattukavu*)

There is this thing, that one of the Engineers should be put under the orders of the District Magistrate.

President.—In view of this discussion, is it necessary to put the motion to votes?

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

I do not want to press it. I only wanted the matters to be presented before the House. I do not want the motion to be put to votes.

The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn. The grant for Law and Justice was made.

DEMAND XVI—Jails —Rs. 40 lakh.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,600 for Jail supplies (Diet of Prisoners) by Rs. 600.

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 37,976 under Demand XVI—Jails. It will be clear from the detailed statement and the Preliminary Budget that the expenditure provided for 1101 is Rs. 41,000, and is less than the revised estimate for 1100, which is Rs. 40,600, and does not, therefore, call for any serious remarks.

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Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

Sir, there is an item 'Diet of Prisoners'. The budget estimate for 1101 is Rs. 3,000. In the accounts for 1099, the amount is Rs. 2,591; last year's budget estimate is Rs. 2,500. The increase towards the end might have been due to the floods. That is no reason why they should, in a normal year like this, increase the cost on the diet of prisoners to Rs 3,000. This is not, of course, due to the increase of prisoners in the jails. What I understand with regard to this is that there is a general impression that the prisoners are too comfortably treated in jails.

President.—In 1099, we had, under "Diet of Prisoners", Rs. 10,550.

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, He is speaking of sub-jails, not of the Central Jail.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

My point is that it is not by providing for the meals, necessities and comforts of the prisoners that we can bring down the number of crimes in the State, but it is by reclaiming them in the jail. I want to know whether any moral instruction is given in jails.

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

The Jail Rules provide for moral instruction by any person.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

But then, they do not allow social reformers to go to the prisoners in jails, to give instructions with a view to moral regeneration of the prisoners.

President.—Your point is that you wish to afford them the benefits of moral instruction.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

Through the means of the Educational Department or by some other tentative measures, moral instruction in jails should be encouraged by the Government. I do not press the motion. I want only to bring these facts to the House.

The motion was withdrawn, with leave.

The Council then adjourned for the next day, it being already 5 p. m.

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